

## Coburn Amendment 805- Repeal Gun Prohibition on Army Corps Land

Coburn Amendment 805 would protect the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment rights of individuals on lands managed by the Army Corps of Engineers

### The fundamental right to bear arms does not apply to lands managed by the Corps of Engineers

- Under current law, the fundamental right to bear arms is not protected on the 11.7 million acres managed by the Army Corps of Engineers
- After passage of Public Law 111-024 repealing the gun ban in National Parks and National Wildlife Refuge lands, the Corps of Engineers stated that the law “does not apply to Corps projects” and it will “continue to prohibit loaded concealed weapons on Corps properties regardless of the new law and notwithstanding any contrary provisions of state law”
- Congress needs to fix this legislatively through the passage of a provision to prohibit the Corps of Engineers from promulgating regulations banning firearms on Corps lands

### Coburn Amendment 805 provides consistency in gun laws across government jurisdictions

- This amendment would simply require the Corps of Engineers to follow state firearm possession laws on lands and waters managed by them –the same approach that the Bureau of Land Management, the Forest Service, the National Park Service and the National Wildlife Refuge use
- Coburn Amendment 805 would ensure that Americans do not unknowingly violate federal law when crossing into Corps lands, even when maintaining a legal permit issued in the state
- Firearms policies at federal facilities, Army Corps headquarters, research facilities, or lock and dam buildings would not be affected by this amendment

The Constitutional rights of the 370 million annual visitors to Corps lands must be protected

- The Army Corps of Engineers manages 11.7 million acres with 422 lake and river projects with recreation, 95,000 campsites, 6,500 miles of trails, and 3,522 boat launches
- With more 370 million annual visitors, Corps projects are the most visited of any single federal agency's sites, even more than the 280 million annual visitors to National Parks
- Americans that go to camp, hunt, or fish on these federally managed lands are prevented from exercising their constitutional right to bear arms
- This policy leaves law-abiding citizen's vulnerable to both criminals and dangerous wildlife on Army Corps lands, and must be reversed